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DECREE OF HUNGARIAN COUNCIL OF MINISTERS
ON MEANS TO ADVANCE COAL MINING

The decree of the Hungarian Council of Ministers on coal production dated 22 November 1950, contains the following provisions.

I

Our coal output increased during the first year of the Five-Year Plan and is at a higher point today than ever before. Yet, for the past few months, coal production has not satisfied the requirements of the country's rapidly expanding economy. This fact endangers the development of industry and transportation, as well as the standard of living.

The Council of Ministers of the Hungarian People's Republic and the Executive Committee of the Hungarian Workers Party have found that coal production must be increased by 20 percent in 1951, as compared to 1950. To attain this goal, mechanization in coal mining must be speeded up, work will have to be organized better, the Ministry of Heavy Industry and the enterprises must improve supervision, and a sufficient labor force must be provided. In addition, there must be strict discipline, economy must be practiced in the use of coal, and mine personnel must be given the preferential treatment due to miners. To reach this goal, the Council of Ministers and the Executive Committee of the Hungarian Workers Party have issued the following decree:

II

1. In the interest of alleviating the heavy and dangerous work of the miners and to increase the productivity of mining, the Minister of Heavy Industry and the President of the National Planning Office shall:

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a. Speed up the production of mining machinery. Production of mining machinery in 1951 must be three times that of 1950. It is imperative that preference be given to the type of machinery which will ensure the application of modern working methods. Above all, undercutting and loading machines must be produced in quantity.

b. The President of the National Planning Office, together with the Minister of Heavy Industry, shall draw up an investment program for 1951 which, beyond ensuring the increasing coal requirements for 1951, will also accelerate the realization of the current mining projects, such as those at Komlo Petofi, and Varpalota.

c. The Minister of Heavy Industry shall prepare regulations concerning hygiene, safety, and rescue, and shall make enforcement of these regulations the primary responsibility of the mining police authority.

2. To improve administration, increase productivity, organize work more efficiently, make better use of existing facilities, and reduce production costs, the Minister of Heavy Industry shall:

a. In the interest of greater economy, ensure widest individual initiative, as well as full personal responsibility of the management, by reorganizing each shaft into a separately accountable unit.

b. Bring technical management into closer contact with production. Technical management must be assured greater initiative and improved organization; systematic improvement of work methods must be made its primary responsibility. Wherever possible, engineers and technicians must be relieved of the current burdensome and excessive administrative duties, thereby enabling them to spend most of their time in the mines.

c. Increase the number of miners in the shafts by directing a portion of the surface personnel to underground work and see that the diggers are actually engaged in coal production or in other work requiring specialized skill.

d. Pay particular attention to the dissemination of new production methods (e.g. face-cutting, transportation by conveyers), to the utilization of Soviet experience, and to the most efficient use of existing machinery. For the introduction of new work methods, combined brigades are to be formed, using the best technical and skilled personnel.

3. Assure an adequate labor force, in the face of increasing demand for coal, by the following methods:

a. The responsible ministers shall take steps to enable all employees of national enterprises and institutions who wish to secure work in coal mining, especially those who were previously engaged in mining, to obtain the required releases and shall speed up their transfer.

b. The Minister of Heavy Industry shall provide suitable employment in coal mining for mining engineers and technicians who are now employed in other fields and the ministers concerned shall help arrange the transfer of these individuals to the mines.

c. The Minister of Heavy Industry, together with the President of the National Manpower Reserve Office, shall re-examine the training system for skilled miners. They shall reduce the training period, partly by training specialized workers for digging, loading, and maintenance.

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d. The Minister of Heavy Industry and the President of the National Planning Office shall draw up a 5-year plan for the training of technical and skilled personnel for the coal mining industry.

III

To promote economy in the use of coal:

a. The President of the National Planning Office shall reduce by 5 percent the quantity of coal released to industry and transportation. Together with the other ministers concerned, he shall prepare strict coal-consumption norms for the entire national economy, enforce these norms, and assure the gradual conversion of antiquated boilers, which consume excessive amounts of fuel, into economical units.

b. The Minister of Heavy Industry shall maintain coal production on a uniform level throughout the year. Together with the other ministers concerned, he shall see to it that commerce and heavy coal consumers store sufficient stocks during the spring and summer.

c. In the interests of economy in the use of electric power, the President of the National Planning Office, together with the ministers concerned, shall draw up strict norms and regulations governing the consumption of electric power. They shall prepare regulations which, by a better distribution of loads, will result in a reduction of the peak load. Each plant shall prepare its own plan for the conservation of coal and electric power.

IV.

To reflect the importance of the work of the miners in the national economy, in their wages, in preferential treatment, and in other fields, and also to increase the production of coal, the following steps shall be taken:

a. All underground workers who have had no unexcused absences during the month shall receive a bonus. Underground diggers, diggers' helpers, and truck crew members are entitled to a bonus according to the following schedule:

<u>Monthly Output</u>	<u>Bonus</u>
Between 110 and 130% of norm	50% of wages for production above 100%
Between 130 and 160% norm	75% of wages for production above 100%
Above 160% of norm	100% of wages for production above 100%

Bonuses for personnel engaged in underground transportation shall be as follows:

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Performance Above QuotaBonus

70-80%

30% of wages for production
above 100%

80-90%

45% of wages for production
above 100%

90-100%

75% of wages for production
above 100%

Above 100%

100% of wages for production
above 100%

Underground mechanical and maintenance personnel, depending on whether their sections service less than ten mine cars daily, between ten and 30 mine cars, or more than 30 mine cars daily, will receive 3, 6 and 9 percent of the bonus for fulfilling their quotas. In case of exceeding their quotas, they shall receive, 1, 1.1, and 1.2 percent of the bonus for each percent in excess of the quota.

b. Coal miners who have no unexcused absences throughout the year shall receive a loyalty reward, payable in a lump sum. In case of only one such absence, one half of the reward is payable. In case of two unexcused absences, no reward shall be paid. The amount of the reward ranges from 3 to 20 percent and is determined by length of service and rank or standing within the enterprise. The loyalty reward shall become due for the first time on 31 December 1950.

c. Workers and technicians engaged in underground work must be provided with work clothes and shoes. If they have no unexcused absences during one year, this equipment shall be supplied free of charge. If there is one unexcused absence, half the price of the equipment shall be charged to the worker. If there are two unexcused absences, the worker must pay the full price.

d. The 30-percent bonus for underground work must be extended to those technicians who spend at least two thirds of their time underground.

e. A new bonus schedule shall be established for technical, administrative, and executive personnel.

f. The Minister of Heavy Industry is directed to enforce strictly the disciplinary rules governing unexcused absences. Unexcused absences shall be charged against leave.

g. The Minister of Agriculture shall facilitate the sale or lease to the state of miners' land in excess of a garden on advantageous terms.

h. By 31 March 1951, 1,200 miners' apartments and 1,000 bachelors' lodgings are to be built. These shall be given to miners who excel in production and work discipline. In addition, 2,000 apartments and lodgings for 2,000 bachelors must be built by the end of 1951. Increased aid shall be given to miners' building cooperatives and a credit union shall be organized for the benefit of miners who sell their lands and want to build on mine grounds. These apartments and houses shall be reserved for workers actually engaged in coal mining.

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1. The Minister of Transportation and Posts shall cooperate with the directors of the mining enterprises in the organization of the transportation of the miners.

[Sections j, k, and l of the decree are omitted. They deal with medals, dress uniforms, and Miners' Day.]

V

The Council of Ministers of the Hungarian People's Republic and the Hungarian Workers Party exhort all workers engaged in coal mining to use every minute of the 8-hour workday to the best advantage. This is a prerequisite for the success of the Five-Year Plan.

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